

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

homeownership is an integral part of the American Dream that enhances the well-being, pride and prosperity of Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS,

homeownership strengthens communities, economically and culturally, and encourages residents to be more active and invested in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS.

the National Housing Act, which President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law in June of 1934, made homeownership available to millions of families who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

WHEREAS,

the Louisiana Housing Corporation provides assistance with down payment and closing cost through a network of participating lenders to make homeownership a reality and also connects citizens to Homeownership Counseling Services and Mortgage Credit Certificates; and

WHEREAS,

homeownership builds wealth over time and in the long run, can be more cost effective than renting and it also has positive tax implications for many families, and can often reduce tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this <u>1st</u> day of <u>June</u>

 $\mathscr{A}.\mathscr{D}$. 2017.